

The Heterodyne

Newsletter of the West Valley Amateur Radio Association

April Meeting

***What's Happening With
The League in 2019
by Kristen McIntyre, K6WX***

**Wednesday, April 10
Meeting Starts at 7pm**

Meeting Location:
American Red Cross,
Silicon Valley Chapter
2731 N. First Street at Plumeria Dr
(southwest corner) in San Jose

WVARA Repeaters (W6PIY)		
Band	Frequency	PL
6 Meters	52.580- MHz	151.4 Hz
2 Meters	147.39+ MHz	151.4 Hz
1.25 Meters	223.96- MHz	156.7 Hz
0.70 Meter	441.35+ MHz	88.5 Hz
0.23 Meter	1286.2- MHz	100 Hz

Club Net

WVARA's club net is on the W6PIY repeaters each Tuesday at 8:30 pm. All repeaters are linked together during the net. The net script can be found at www.wvara.org/net.html.

Visitors Are Welcome!

President's Letter

Ham radio can be hard.

- It can be hard to the newcomers, hesitant to take that daunting test.
- It can be hard to the newly licensed, awed and shaken by the myriad of options.
- It can be hard to the ham just getting back in, trying to understand the new technologies.
- It can be hard to the experienced ham, trying to make a QRP QSO in an against-all-odds pileup.



The challenge we must put to ourselves, and to those around us, is to try anyway. Certainly succeed when you can, though I contend far more learning occurs when you fail.

Theodore Roosevelt once said: "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no

effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

This quote says two things: First, get in there and try. Second, don't criticize...helping is more constructive, and it also gets you in the game. One of the great things about WVARA is that it is full of people in the arena, getting dirty, failing, getting up and trying again, until success is finally reached.

Let's help each other stay in the arena, and bring others into the game who may otherwise be hanging back. This game is best played with lots of players, not just a select few. Look around you at hams who are already in the game, but may need some help or motivation. This can be done pretty easily. Here are some examples:

- Take on a new role in FD. There is MUCH to do, and it's certainly one of the bigger arenas we have to play in.
- Enter into a new contest. There are several interesting metrics used to win. How about QSOs per gram of equipment, as in the Flight of the Bumble Bees?
- Start up a new project. Ever want to learn more about yagis? Transmitters? Networking?
- Learn a new coding language. I'd love someone to do Arduino code reviews with.

You are all capable of great things. Get in the game.

See you at the meeting!

Bobby K0XI

April Meeting Topic

Kristen McIntyre, K6WX

Good Afternoon Everyone!

Wednesday night we will be having Kristen McIntyre speak to us about what's happening with the League in 2019!

Kristen is the Pacific Division Vice Director, and is an excellent speaker!

If you've ever heard Kristen speak before, you know that she's on top of everything ham radio, and I'm sure that she will be bringing us up to speed on the proposal that will give Technicians more HF spectrum, along with what the League is doing for all of the hams in our division!

Some people meet for a Pre-Meeting Dinner at the Dish n Dash on 1st Street around 6 pm, while others meet over at the Panera on Coleman Avenue, just west of the airport!

I'll look forward to seeing you at the meeting Wednesday night!

-73-

Bill, N6FFC

WVARA Vice President

WVARA Net Check-Ins (W6PIY)					
Tuesdays at 8:30 PM					
Call Sign	Name	3/12/19	3/19/19	3/26/19	4/02/19
Total		16	11	9	17
AA6RB	Roy	X	X		
AE6JV	Bill	X	X		X
AF6AE	Bill	X	X		X
AG6YO	Kevin	X			
AI6NT	Henry				X
K6CES	Chuck		X		
KC6ZKT	Steve	X		X	X
KC7XE	Stan			X	
KF6EMB	Svend	X	X		X
KI6SLX	Peri	X	X		X
KK6VF	Kevin	NET	NET	NET	NET
N6BTU	Wayne	X		X	X
N6FYR	Matt	X	X		X
N9CU	Andy	X		X	
W6BG	Max				X
W6ESL	Tom	X	X	X	X
W6IA	Mark	X	X	X	X
W6PK	Phil				X
W8RJL	Ron	X			X
WB6KHP	Dave	X	X	X	X
WD9DD	Russ	X			X
WR3K	Greg				X
WR6Z	Dave			X	

**Photos of Elecraft co-founder Eric Swartz, WA6HHQ, showing
one of the new KPA1500's after the March club meeting
Photos by Mark, W6IA**



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